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SUBJECT: MALAWI LIKELY TO SUPPORT U.S. CANDIDACY AT ICAO

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1. Acting Director of Civil Aviation Justin Mkandawire told econoff on July 8 that the GOM will likely support the USG's bid for re-election as a Category 1 country to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), as it has done in the past. Mkandawire said the GOM has not yet selected its delegation for the ICAO conference, but he anticipates newly appointed Minister of Transport and Public Works Henry Mussa will represent the GOM. Mkandawire said that once the head of delegation has been selected, he will officially recommend that the GOM support the USG's re-election.

2. Poloff also delivered reftel talking points to MFA Americas' Desk Officer Ernest Kantchentche on June 17. Kantchentche offered no substantive response.
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